



GOCKEL SYMPOSIUM

Controversy surrounds Gockel presenter



CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
I, Rigoberta Menchú, an Indian Woman in Guatemala from the January 15 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

By JEFF WELLS
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Academic controversy has sprouted around Rigoberta Menchú Tum. A Middlebury College professor's new book challenges the work of Menchú, the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize winner and scheduled speaker at the 1999 Henry and Bernice Gockel International Symposium.

The Gockel Symposium will be April 12-13. This year's topic will be "Latin America: Peace, Human Progress and New Challenges for the 21st Century."

Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and the recipient of the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize, will be the opening night speaker.

Dr. David Stoll's book *I, Rigoberta Menchú and the Story of All Poor Guatemalans*, (Westview Press, 1999) casts doubt on Menchú's 1983 autobiography *I, Rigoberta Menchú, an Indian Woman in Guatemala* (Verso, 1983). Stoll contends Menchú embellished her experiences in interviews with the writer of the book.

A December 1998 *New York Times* report supported Stoll's research.

Menchú's family of poor Indian peasants lived in the

northern highlands of Guatemala. She said her family was oppressed by white Guatemalans of European descent.

In her teens, Menchú was a women's rights activist. She became active after her family was arrested for suspected participation in guerrilla activities.

Menchú fled to Mexico to avoid persecution. In 1982, she told her life story to an ethnologist. Stoll's work asserts the book contained falsehoods.

"The release of Mr. Stoll's book, and publication of *The New York Times*' article have hit the scholarly community like a bomb," wrote Robin Wilson in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. "The criticisms are particularly damning because even Ms. Menchú's advocates don't regard her book as literary masterpiece; its value has been its claim to authenticity."

An example of Stoll's claims are found in the village of Chajul. Menchú says her brother was tortured and burnt to death in the town plaza by the army. Guatemalan villagers told Stoll no one was ever burnt in the square.

Stoll said as a result, the book is popular with political leftists.

"Books like *'I, Rigoberta Menchú'* will be exalted because they tell many academics what they want to

hear," Stoll wrote. "Such works provide rebels in far-off places, into whom careerists can project their fantasies of rebellion."

The controversy has not prompted Missouri Southern to cancel Menchú's appearance.

"We are not disinviting her," said Richard Massa, director of the Institute of International Studies. "She is a Nobel Prize laureate."

He originally extended the invitation to her because she is a Nobel Prize winner.

"The controversy is really not that new," Massa said. "People, students who studied her work years ago discovered discrepancies."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said no one had requested Menchú's invitation be revoked.

"For us, it's a great honor that she accepted to speak at the Gockel Symposium," he said. "Obviously, you hate to see these kinds of things happen where her image may be tarnished."

Menchú has been extremely well received at other places where she has spoken in the past, Massa said.

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College program offers early credits

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

College students appear to be looking younger all the time, but then again, some of these students may be high schoolers getting credit-in-escrow.

Beverly Kluthe, a senior at College Heights Christian School, has been doing this since last semester.

"I take morning classes there (College Heights)," she said. "I get out and have class in the afternoon."

Last semester Kluthe was able to complete two classes and is enrolled in two this semester.

"I've taken General Psychology and Lifetime Wellness," she said. "I think it's really helped me a lot just to kind of see what college is like before you actually go off, if you go off to college."

Lindsey Gronewold, a fellow senior at College Heights Christian School, is also taking advantage of this program.

"I took one last semester and one this semester," she said. "If you've gotten a lot of your credits at College Heights, then there's no reason not to. You might as well spend your time wisely and get your core classes out of the way."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the program was aimed at smaller high schools who could not offer certain classes due to the expense or demand.

"It was designed primarily for gifted students whose local high school may not offer, for instance, calculus or an advanced course in some discipline," he said.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

College offers Swedish exchange program

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

New opportunities for students to explore a different culture are arising at Missouri Southern in the form of an exchange program between the College and Jönköping International Business School in Sweden. This program offers new and exciting opportunities for business students of both countries.

After visiting the Swedish university in October, Southern adminis-

trators negotiated the exchange agreement. One in particular, Jim Gray, dean of the school of business administration, met with Leif Lindmark, dean of the Jönköping International Business School, to discuss developing mutually beneficial programs. Other Southern administrators who ventured to Sweden were Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences, and Jim Bray, head of the art department.

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CAMPUS EVENT



Jennifer Masscher of Joplin High School performs a drama at the True Love Waits rally, which was held on campus at Taylor Auditorium. The rally brought more than 2,000 people together to promote purity in dating relationships.

Two thousand gather for rally on campus

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With the excitement of a rock concert crowd, more than 2,000 area junior high and high school students poured into Taylor Auditorium Wednesday night.

No, N-Sync and Brandy weren't appearing live. It was the night set aside for area youth to express their belief that abstaining from sex is what God has called them to do during the True Love Waits Rally.

"I want to be here to tell God that I'm going to wait," said Justin Taylor, a Diamond High School freshman. "I'm going to work through Him and do whatever He wants until then."

The message of the evening's main speaker, Shannon Wendt from Life Choices Crisis Pregnancy Center in Joplin, was clear as she asked the crowd to repeat after her in saying, "I'm worth waiting for."

The event, sponsored by Koinonia Christian Campus Ministry, Weaver Photography, and area youth ministers, featured several drama presentations as well as music from the band Acacia. Koinonia president Brandon Rekus, a Missouri

Southern senior, says he thinks sponsoring the rally was important for many reasons.

"This is a way for us to get our message across to the youth who are the future of our school and our group," he said. "They're surrounded by negative influences all around them at school, at work, and even in their homes, and this provides them the opportunity to be encouraged by their peers in a positive way."

Students from Webb City, Seneca, Carl Junction, Neosho, College Heights, and Joplin schools were recognized at the event. Each student was represented by an individual in youth ministry. Chrystal Dilts, Joplin High School senior, said the rally was something she was proud to attend.

"It's OK to save yourself," she said. "You can change your ways just because you make a mistake doesn't mean you can't change."

Wendt spoke to the heart of sexual purity and the failings of those who have broken their purity commitment toward the end of her speech.

"You have to go to the one person who can get you out of this big, fat mess you've gotten yourself into — Jesus," she said. "Please don't make the misunderstanding that you can only take your life to Jesus when it's perfect. That's

"...just because you make a mistake doesn't mean you can't change."

Chrystal Dilts
Joplin High School senior

His job, to make it perfect."

Grady Goodwyn, youth minister from First Baptist Church in Joplin, spoke during the rally about his struggles with purity and the rewards of abstinence.

"We're all human beings, and we all sometimes want things that aren't best for us," he said. "But when I get married, I'm going to be able to look in my wife's eyes and say 'I saved this for you,' and if she can say that back to me it will mean more than anything she can ever give me." □



Arts Showcase:

Crabby's restaurant on West 7th Street in Joplin now features open mic night every Sunday at 9 p.m. It welcomes poetry, music, and stand up comedy.....page 5

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ARRIVING FEBRUARY 12 IN THE CHART

Pieces of the Past

A new page dedicated to taking an in-depth look at local history.



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| 1 | 1/27/99 | Spiva Library | 10:50 p.m. | Custodian Chad Murphy reported two students roller blading on the third floor of the Spiva Library. The two students, Shiloh Burchfield and Jackson Matthews told Officer Frossard that they were checking their e-mail and were unaware that it was against College policy to roller blade in the buildings and advised him that they would not do it again. |
| 2 | 1/29/99 | Lot 35 | 9:45 a.m. | Sean Ritchie parked his vehicle in lot 35 and came back at 11 a.m. His vehicle had been broken into and his CD player and approximately 60 CDs were stolen. The passenger door had been pried open. Nothing else was taken. |


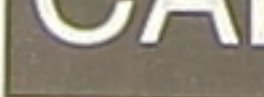

EXCHANGE: Agreement signed with Swedish institution, deal finalized via electronic communication

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"Booking speakers is fraught with perils," Massa said. □

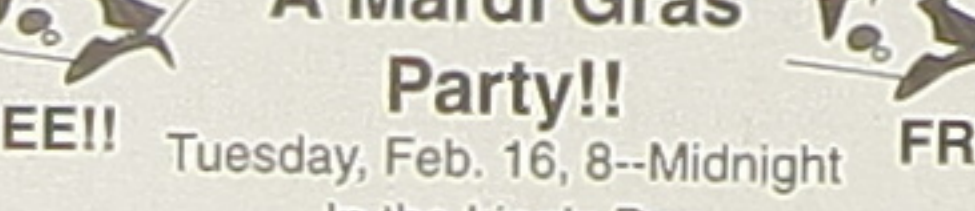
PRESENTS:

A Mardi Gras Party!!

FREE!! Tuesday, Feb. 12, 8--Midnight **FREE!!**
 In the Lion's Den

\$ Dash for Cash \$

Game show



Win Money!! Today in BSC noon-1:30p.m.

STUDENT SENATE

Junior senator criticizes student newspaper

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

Leadership and a birthday present reigned as the topics of Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Susan Craig, director of College Orientation, came to Senate to recruit potential Orientation leaders.

"I came here because I figured you all know about leadership," she said. "[Orientation's] a huge responsibility, but it looks great on a résumé."

Craig handed out forms and explained that the deadline to turn the forms in is Feb. 26.

Later in the Senate meeting, Patty Richardson brought up the idea of a birthday present from the Senate to Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. One thing led to another, and the Senate decided to allocate money

to itself to pay for the present. A vote was taken suspending the need to fill out an allocation form so the allotment could take place during the meeting.

"Do we really want to do this after the hornet's nest that happened last time?" freshman senator Tyler Shields asked.

In October, *The Chart* criticized the Senate in an editorial for allocating itself \$100 for expenses in sponsoring its candidates for Homecoming king and queen.

"Piss on *The Chart*," said junior senator Vanessa Copeland.

"We can't start letting *The Chart* control Student Senate," said senior senator Rob Huffman. "It's stupid, it's a newspaper."

After more debate, the Senate decided against allocating any money and to just take a collection.

"That's what I wanted to do anyway," Richardson said.

To follow procedures, since a motion was already made for allocation, the Senate allocated itself \$0.

Senate attendance was down from last week with seven senators absent: Brandon Fuhr, Beth Cook, Jason Kiefer, Josh Marsh, Brea Vancil, Aqueelah Jackson, and Heather Lewis.

Three Senate positions were filled this week: two sophomore seats and one freshman seat. That still leaves one freshman seat, one sophomore seat, and two senior seats. Interested persons need to go by the Senate office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Brad Toler is the new freshman senator.

"I figure I'm going into politics because that is what everybody says I'm good at — arguing, making people look funny in the courtroom," Toler said.

The first sophomore on which the Senate voted was Leanna Struzziery. The other sophomore senator elected was Sherry Hull.

"I'm a non-trad student, and that's why I want to be on [Senate], so we can have a little input," Hull said.

The Senate allotted \$1,000 to the National Broadcasting Society for the club's trip to a national convention in New York.

Two new allocation requests were presented to the Senate from the Criminal Justice Association and Alpha Phi Sigma. Both requests were for \$1,000.

Senate President Jesse DeGonia still urges organizations in need of money to hurry and fill out an appropriation request form.

"I would hate to see people not getting money at the end of the semester because they didn't get their application in on time," he said. □

SENATE COFFERS

FEB. 3 REQUESTS:

■ NBS-Alpha
Epsilon Rho —
Request: \$1,000
Received: \$1,000
■ Student Senate —
Request: \$0
Received: \$0

CURRENT BALANCE:
\$10,050.00

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.



SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

ILRC offers several free language classes

Several free language classes are being offered this spring by the International Language Resource Center (ILRC) at Missouri Southern. The classes will be held at the Joplin Public Library and at the College.

Spanish, German, and Japanese classes are scheduled. Classes offered include:

• Spanish on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., through May 11, at the Joplin Public Library. The instructor is Jessica Riddle, a Joplin High School graduate who has been to Mexico for an immersion program.

• Japanese on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., through May 10 in Webster Hall Room 319. The instructor is Mayuka Ishii, a native Japanese speaker.

• German on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, through May 8, at the Joplin Public Library. The instructor is Ngugi Kahiha, a native speaker of German from Berlin.

The classes are designed primarily for children ages 8 to 15, but anyone is welcome, said Tatiana Karmanova, director of the ILRC. □

Indian film to kick off College film festival

Fans of foreign films can gather in Webster Hall Room 105 every Friday night to watch videos that have been selected by interested faculty.

This semester's series will open at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 with a showing of the controversial Indian film *Fire*. At that time, a schedule of upcoming films will be distributed.

For more information, or to recommend a specific film, persons should contact Dr. Ree Wells, assistant professor of sociology, at 625-9762, or Dr. Bill Kumbier, associate professor of English, at 625-9639. □

Health Fair '99 provides three days of wellness

Health Fair '99, sponsored by Missouri Southern's wellness program, is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Feb. 16-18 on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

The goal of the health fair is to promote the awareness of healthy lifestyle, early detection of disease, and preventive care options.

Free health screenings, including blood pressure, chemistry profile, hemocult, and fitness testing, will be provided to all faculty and staff. A prostate cancer screen will cost \$20, as will a thyroid screen. A urinalysis will cost \$5.

The health fair will also feature many educational booths, displays, and demonstrations from a variety of community agencies. For more information, persons may call 625-9713. □

Institute to sponsor computer workshops

The Management Development Institute is sponsoring 12 computer workshops over the next three months.

"Introduction to Windows" kicks off the workshops from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13. Cost is \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door.

Other workshops include "Introduction to PowerPoint for Windows" on Feb. 20, "Developing a Web Page for the World Wide Web" on March 11, and "Introduction to QuickBooks" on April 17.

Workshops will be held in Room 303 of Matthews Hall. To register, persons should Karen Bradshaw at Ext. 3128. □

Madrigal dinner benefit set for February 17-20

The fifth annual madrigal dinner will be the 17th through 20th. The dinner is a benefit for the Missouri Southern Music Department Scholarship Program.

Tickets are available in the Billingsly Student Center Box Office 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Student tickets are \$10 and the regular price is \$18. Tickets are offered on a first come first served basis. □

SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

Foundation event begins

Annual event aims to raise \$290,000 to support College

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

Phones are off the hook at the Alumni House. The 17th annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phonathon is in full swing.

"There isn't any enterprise these days that isn't benefiting from private funds," said Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant honors program director.

The goal of the Phonathon is to raise \$290,000 to support the College.

"We are not sure we're going to meet it with all the stock market problems and other factors," said Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation. "We've had some delays — the phones were out [Tuesday] for about an hour. Also, with the pretty weather, we can't find people at home."

If the goal is not reached, it will be the first time in the 17-year history of the Phonathon. Last year's goal of \$250,000 was exceeded by \$35,000. As of Wednesday night, the Phonathon had raised \$158,000.

"The gifts continue to come in months after the Phonathon is over," said Curt Betebeener, the Foundation assistant director. "We just update it as the money comes in."

Students, faculty, and friends of the College make all the calls to the alumni and businesses to solicit money for Southern.

"Donors respond better to students," Kluthe said. "I think no one can do telephone soliciting unless they believe in the cause. [The Phonathon] gives students a chance to analyze the value they have in their institution."

Honors student Doug Osborne, a senior secondary education major, worked the Phonathon last year.

"It's a good cause and you get to use the phone for free," he said.

Billingsly said the Foundation has a list of more than 15,000 alumni and businesses that they call for donations.

"It's very important for us to maintain contact with our friends and alumni," Betebeener said.

The Phonathon grows each year as the number of alumni grows and the College expands.

"We rely heavily on previous donors," Billingsly said. "But we're getting some new ones."

"I think as long as our alumni get involved and remember their school, it will grow."

Departments of the College send volunteers to work the Phonathon since some of the money raised goes directly back to them to help pay for lecturers and scholarships.

Billingsly stresses anyone can volunteer, and there is always a need for volunteers. The volunteers of the Phonathon receive refreshments courtesy of area businesses.

The Phonathon ends Thursday. Persons needing more information may contact the Foundation at 625-9396. □

KINESIOLOGY

Physical education is well thought of in Finland



Dr. Dirk Nelson, kinesiology department head; Jim Frazier, director of men's athletics; Tom Rutledge, men's track and field coach; and Sheri Beeler, instructor, and Finnish guide dress warm to fight the cold in Finland in mid-January.

Instructors learn Finnish fitness

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Touring athletic facilities in Finland is how four Missouri Southern kinesiology instructors spent the last week of their holiday break. They had the opportunity to meet the leading Finnish nutrition and physiology experts.

Making the trip were Dr. Dirk Nelson, kinesiology department head; Jim Frazier, director of men's athletics; Tom Rutledge, men's track and field coach; and Sheri Beeler, instructor.

The trip was suggested by Tomi Paalanen, a Finnish Southern physical education major. Paalanen studied at the Sport Institute of Finland at Vierumäki, a college for future coaches.

"He thought it would be nice if some of the instructors from here went to Finland to see where he went to school and meet some of his instructors," Nelson said.

Higher education in Finland is structured differently than in the United States.

"Their university training is more in-depth," Nelson said. "The idea of a core curriculum does not exist."

The Sport Institute of Finland at Vierumäki's university program lasts a total of three years.

"The level of training and education at Vierumäki is equal to a college or university here," Nelson said.

According to Nelson, the atmosphere is extremely competitive. The Sport Institute's enrollment is 50, but more than 1,200 applied for the slots.

"It doesn't cost anything to go to their schools, but it is very difficult to get in," Rutledge said.

One way the Finns reduce costs is by sharing facilities and staff with the military. In Finland each citizen is required to serve a minimum of one year in the military. It has become popular for students close to college age to fulfill their duty early on.

The highlight of the trip for Nelson was a meeting with Mikeal Fogelholm, chief of obesity research for Finland at Lahti Sports Center, north of Helsinki.

"It was very interesting meeting with him," Nelson said.

Fogelholm and Nelson compared theories and found both interpreted research and taught material in a similar style.

Nelson and Frazier both noticed a strong concern by government and health officials about wellness.

"Physical education is well thought of in Finland," Frazier said.

Nelson also met Tommi Vasankari, an exercise physiologist at Vierumäki, who recently published journal articles on blood lipids and physical activity.

Rutledge visited Finland's altitude training center. The Finns are working to adjust their athletes to high-altitude conditions, similar to those they will face at the 2002 Olympic games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The highest elevation in Finland is around 3,000 feet, much lower than the Alpine environment of northeast Utah.

Rutledge met Vasala Pekka, a gold medalist in the 1,500-meter at the 1972 Olympics. Rutledge said Pekka's victory was one of the most exciting races of its era. Pekka was one of the final Flying Finns.

He also met another four-time gold medal winner and the coaches of the national track and field and cross country teams.

Rutledge complimented their athletic development.

"They are some of the most innovative runners," he said.

The instructors believe they created lasting bonds with the Finnish institutions.

"We established a wonderful rapport between Southern and Vierumäki, and I expect that relationship to continue for quite some time," Rutledge said.

Frazier echoed his sentiments.

"I felt the Finns were very hospitable and they have genuine interest in exchange," Frazier said.

He found the trip academically refreshing and enjoyed the camaraderie of the Southern faculty and the hosts.

"I was particularly interested in their facility/maintenance, security, and scheduling," Frazier said.

The trip was Nelson's first voyage overseas.

"I would be more than happy to go back if I get the chance," Nelson said.

Frazier, who traveled to Europe with the soccer team in 1985, was impressed with the Finnish youth.

Having traveled abroad before, Rutledge was also quite impressed with Finland.

Cooperation between the institutions will continue.

"I fully expect a number of the faculty from Vierumäki to visit next summer or next fall," Rutledge said. "They are very interested in programs at Southern."

Southern may become a U.S. coordinating institution for an international conference held annually at Vierumäki. The conference alternates between sessions for students and faculty.

An International Student Exchange Program agreement also will be developed between Southern and the Finnish schools.

Rutledge plans to recruit from Finland. He brought back information on 30 athletes in several sports.

"These are connections we need to make to become a better campus," he said. □

CITY OF JOPLIN

Joplin airport receives grant, improvements

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Improvements to the Joplin Regional Airport are expected to begin soon. Congressman Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) informed Steve Stockam, airport manager, last week the Federal Aviation Agency has awarded a \$404,516 grant for taxiway construction.

"This is the first of two expected grants totaling \$910,000 to \$920,000," said Dan Wadlington of Blunt's office.

The new 50-foot-wide taxiway will extend westward 800 feet off an existing runway north of the terminal building. It will end at a 200-by-200-foot ramp, also to be constructed at the west edge of the present parking lot. The addition will service a portion of the new aviation industrial park.

"This project will be the first step to enable Joplin Airport to meet the needs of our users," Stockam said. "Air cargo is becoming a more important aspect of our volume."

Negotiations are under way with a developer to build an air freight terminal on the industrial tract. It is expected to employ some 15 people.

Engineering and design work for the project was completed by Burns and McDonald, a Kansas City firm.

"We will be advertising for bids the latter part of next week," said David Hertzberg, assistant director of Joplin Public Works. "We will open bids roughly three weeks after that."

This first grant is for the taxiway portion

of the improvements. Another grant of up to \$160,000 is expected from the state for the ramp portion of the construction. The city must contribute 10 percent of the total cost, Hertzberg said.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$920,000 for taxiway, ramp, and apron. This does not include roads and sewer that the industrial park needs, Hertzberg said.

"The dirt work to get it to grade will be a major portion [of the cost] since it is in a low area, and drainage pipe will have to be installed," he said. "The fill dirt necessary to bring the taxiway to grade will come from airport property."

Ten inches of asphalt will be placed on a 12-inch base of limestone and crushed rock mixture to form the taxiway, Hertzberg

said. The ramp will be a 12-inch-thick concrete surface on a similar base.

The grant has been in the mill about six months. When a developer expressed some interest in the airport industrial park, the airport manager worked with the FAA to get the project under way, Hertzberg said.

"We also have a general aviation ramp under design located by CFI and Leggett and Platt hangars," he said. "This would be financed with another grant of additional money estimated at \$200,000 from the FAA, also. It depends how the funding on the present one goes, but sometime next year we should have it going."

In his announcement, Blunt said, "The taxiway marks an important step for the airport by increasing its capacity and linking it to new industrial facilities." □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Community Blood Center granted accreditation

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has been granted accreditation by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), according to Don Thomson, executive director of CBCO. Accreditation follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained representatives of the association and establishes that the level of medical, technical, and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by the AABB. By successfully meeting those requirements, CBCO joins more than 2,000 similar facilities across the United States and abroad that have earned AABB accreditation.

"The AABB's accreditation procedures are voluntary," Thomson said. "CBCO has sought AABB accreditation because this program assists facilities around the country in achieving excellence by promoting a level of professional and medical expertise that contributes to quality performance."

Since 1958, the AABB has been engaged in the accreditation of blood banks and transfusion services. The accreditation program assists blood banks and transfusion services in determining whether methods, procedures, personal knowledge, equipment, and the physical plant meet established requirements. The minimum requirements for accreditation of blood banks and transfusion services are based primarily on the AABB's *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*.

Established in 1947, the AABB is the professional society for approximately 2,200 blood banks and transfusion services and more than 8,800 individuals engaged in blood banking and transfusion medicine. Its member facilities are responsible for collecting virtually all of the nation's blood supply and for transfusing more than 80 percent of the blood used for patient care in the United States.

Joplin R-8 administrators receive extended contracts

Two Joplin R-8 School District administrators have had their contracts extended. The performances of Superintendent Vernon Hudson and Assistant Superintendent Carolyn Vandeven were evaluated during a closed session late Tuesday night. Hudson, 55, is in his fifth school year as the district's superintendent. His contract was extended another year, making it expire after the 2000-2001 school year. Vandeven, 52, is in her fifth year with the district. Her contract was extended through the 1999-2000 school year.

SBA to hold consultations, training programs

Representatives from the Springfield branch of the U.S. Small Business Association and Service Corps of Retired Executives will hold consultations at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Small business owners and those seeking to purchase or start a small business are encouraged to attend. Information on SBA loans, free small-business counseling and training and other SBA programs will be discussed. The meetings are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Chamber office, 320 E. Fourth St. For more information, persons may call 417-864-7670.

Accounting club offers tax help at Missouri Southern

The Missouri Southern accounting club will be helping to provide free tax help through the Volunteer Tax Assistance program. The club has also enlisted the help of upper-level Spanish students to help with the program.

Sessions will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through April 10 at the Joplin Public Library.

The tax program is offered to the elderly, lower-income and disabled people who need help filling out their tax returns but cannot afford to pay for assistance. Southern students will assist with interpreting for the VITA volunteers and Hispanic clients.

Taxpayers should provide their W-2 forms, interest statements and other tax documents with a copy of the preceding year tax return. □

CITY RECREATION

Family Y facility expands with Freeman Hospital

By JOBETH HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Freeman Hospital in Joplin is opening a new section to the public. Freeman and Joplin Family Y have collaborated in expanding the Y's facilities.

Hollee Johanson, communication director for the Y, said the expansion was necessary.

"We had run out of room at the old facility," Johanson said. "We didn't have room for anything new, but at the same time membership was growing."

The decision was made in 1997 to raise money to go ahead with the project. Building started in '98, and the facility will be finished in '99. Although the new Y will be opening, the old building will not be shut down.

"We're just adding to the space we already have," Johanson said. "Now Joplin residents will have two facilities to choose from."

The new Y is 58,000 square feet, and is costing an estimated \$3.8 million dollars. Features will include a family gym, suspended running track, a youth gym, indoor pool, and full cardiovascular center.

The programs at the Y will be educationally based, according to Johanson. As well as expanding their gymnastics program, the Y will offer wellness, health, and aquatic programs and several youth programs. The indoor pool also has some added features—a slide, sprinklers, and three lap lanes.

Although there will be some duplicating of programs, such as swimming and aerobics classes, there will also be some new programs developed for each facility.

"Hundreds of program ideas have



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Chad Kackley (left) and Chris Estes (right) of Midland Masonry perform construction on the new Y. Construction is expected to be completed on the 58,000-square foot facility. Features will include a family gym, suspended running track, youth gym, and indoor pool facility.

been discussed and dozens are being developed," Johanson said.

Johanson is also excited about the new equipment the Y will have in its new facility. The exercise equipment is from Cybex, and will include "broadcast vision." This means that in the cardiovascular room people can plug earphones into the machine they are working on and be able to listen to cd's, radio, or watch television while they work out.

The facility will also include a technogym. The equipment in this room is fully computerized. Inserting a key with a computer chip in it will allow a person to program their own exercise program. The key also records the persons progress, either for personal use, or to give to doctors who need to keep up with their patient's exercise habits.

Cookie Estrada, CEO, is excited about the opening of the new facility

this summer, weather permitting.

"It's definitely a facility that everyone must see," Estrada said. "It's going to be awesome!"

A person needn't be a member of the Y to check out the new facility. Membership is growing, but so is the number of people participating in different programs.

A nonmember's fee for programs, however, is higher than those paid by members.

Membership with the Y includes

full access to all aspects of the facilities, some free classes, and a reduced rate for other classes. For a full-time college student the fee is \$22 per month for membership. For others, the fee depends on factors such as age and occupation.

"Joplin Family Y staff and administration is excited to be bringing a new building and new programs to the community. This will help us serve Joplin for another 100 years," Johanson said. □

NEW BUSINESS

ShopKo to join Northpark Mall retail store lineup



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Kevin Watson, construction worker, pounds his way through concrete at the old Venture store at Northpark Mall.

Retail specialty store fills Venture vacancy

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

The vacant 90,000-square-foot area at Northpark Mall, where Venture used to reside, is now being used by some shoppers as a place to walk and exercise. Coming in the later part of April, consumers will no longer have on open space, but instead will be able to walk the isles of ShopKo, a large discount specialty store.

Dwayne Patton, general manager of Northpark Mall, says the store will add variety to the mall.

"The new store will obviously fill a niche, but more importantly, it will add to the overall flavor of the mall," Patton said. "It will also be some competition for other retail stores such as Wal-Mart and Target."

ShopKo Stores, Inc., totals 147 stores in 16 states and is headquartered in Green Bay, Wis. The chain is located primarily in the upper Midwest. The company serves the rapidly growing man-

aged health-care profession through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Pro Vantage, Inc.

Pro Vantage currently consists of three fast-growing businesses that include Pro Vantage Prescription Benefit Management, Pro Vantage Vision Benefit Management, and Pro Med, a health information technology company.

Another extension of ShopKo's retail health-care business is Pro Vantage Mail Service, a prescription management and mail service pharmacy.

Prescription Benefit Management provides several services for its customers, including a custom prescription plan design, a national network of more than 46,000 retail pharmacies, clinical services, claims and benefit processing services to insurance companies, third party administrators and self-funded health-care plan sponsors.

More recently, the store acquired Care Stream Scrip Card, a (PBM) Prescription Benefit Management firm that provides services similar to those provided by Pro Vantage. These programs control pharmacy costs by monitoring decisions. For example, the usage of generic drugs instead of brand name drugs.

According to Dale Kramer, ShopKo's chairman, president, and chief business officer, the mission of ShopKo is to be a "specialty" discount retailer that continuously differentiates services and merchandise on the retail markets.

"We believe customers will be pleased with the value, quality, convenience, and assistance we offer," Kramer said.

"They will also benefit from the addition of in-store pharmacies and optical centers. We are confident of our ability to respond to the needs and lifestyle trends of the customers."

Included in the ShopKo philosophy is the location of its stores. Part of this agenda is increasing ShopKo's small-to-medium-sized Midwestern presence. The ShopKo stores all occupy former Venture store locations.

The 13 new stores, with a combined 1,211,650 square feet, will represent a 9 percent increase in square footage for the company.

The new store will feature ShopKo's lifestyle-driven merchandising strategy, including casual apparel, home, family basics, leisure/seasonal, and health categories. □

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GOVERNORS OFFICE

Papal request leads to commutation

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Gov. Carnahan's recent act of granting clemency to convicted murderer Darrell Mease due to a request made by Pope John Paul II during his visit to St. Louis has brought new discussion to the issue of capital punishment.

House Bill 424, sponsored by Rep. Mike Schilling (D-Springfield), would repeal the death penalty and commute all existing sentences of death to life imprisonment without eligibility for probation or parole.

Schilling says he was glad to hear about the governor's decision.

"Certainly this action gives more attention to the whole issue, so that's positive," he said. "I think it makes people stop and think

about the issue and possibly why it's not a sound policy for the state of Missouri and should be repealed."

The bottom line in the death penalty issue is taking a life for a life taken, according to Schilling.

"I think it's unacceptable for us to expect the rest of the state to be non-homicidal, and here, it's OK for the state to commit homicide," he said. "In my way of thinking, the state has just become another link in the cycle of violence that we all want to stop."

While those opposed to the death penalty may be hoping this would lead to a change in policy on the part of the governor, a statement from Carnahan's office says he made an exception because of the papal visit.

"In reaching this decision I took into account the extraordinary circumstance of

the pope's request and the historical significance of the papal visit to the City of St. Louis and the State of Missouri," his statement said. "I continue to support capital punishment, but after careful consideration of his direct and personal appeal and because of a deep and abiding respect for the Pontiff and all that he represents, I decided to grant his request."

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) says he regards Carnahan's decision as a mistake, and that in order for crime to be deterred, punishment should be swift, equal, and justifiable.

"I think a convicted felon who premeditated the actions of killing three people should be treated like everybody else in that situation," he said.

"I can't justify treating this individual any

differently than any other premeditated convicted murderer."

Schilling says he believes the sentencing process to be part of the problem with capital punishment.

"The whole process is really arbitrary and capricious," he said. "Because some people get the death penalty, some get life in prison. How do we decide whose life is more valuable than the others?"

Singleton says he is concerned about the manner in which a jury decision was put aside by the granting of clemency.

"Through the process, we have a conviction by a jury of his peers," he said. "The jury agonized over the conviction, agonized over the sentencing, and to do away with that appears to me to be arbitrary and certainly is not the way to deliver the civil law." □

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS

SEMO officials pursue funds for River Campus

SEMO officials will continue to pursue state funding for a River Campus this legislative session, despite the fact the project was omitted from Gov. Mel Carnahan's fiscal 2000 state budget.

"We were a bit apprehensive going in as to what level of funding might be available for the River Campus project," said Dr. Dale Nitzschke, Southeast president. "We were disappointed it was not in the governor's capital improvement budget, but we were not surprised."

Southeast had asked the state to fund half the cost, or \$17.8 million, of converting St. Vincent's Seminary into a School of Visual and Performing Arts. The balance would come from private donations and the issuance of bonds, which would be retired with Cape Girardeau motel and restaurant taxes.

Nitzschke said Southeast's River Campus project was 12th on the CBHE's prioritized list of appropriations recommendations.

"This project has great economic development, downtown redevelopment, historic preservation, and tourism potential, not only for Cape Girardeau, but also for the entire region," Nitzschke said. □

SMSU department backs terrorism lectures

In an effort to raise awareness and promote discussion, Southwest Missouri State University's political science department is sponsoring a public affairs lecture series on terrorism.

"Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, has said that terrorism is the wave of the future," says Dr. Mehrdad Haghighi, associate professor of political science and coordinator for the lecture series. "Terrorism is something we have to deal with. It's not going away, and it can hit anywhere."

Gideon Rose, deputy director of National Security Studies, kicked off the lecture series on Jan. 29. John Spiegel, a member of the State Department's Counter Terrorism desk for Central and Western Europe, will speak on Feb. 26.

Richard Falkenrath, a faculty member at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, speaks on March 26. His research focuses on European security, German foreign policy, and U.S. national security policy. Oliver Revell, who has 30 years of service as a special agent and senior executive of the FBI, speaks on April 23.

"With all the acts of domestic terrorism recently, I thought it would be a good idea to sensitize the public to the issues, and to bring in speakers who could address the subject from various angles," Haghighi said. □

Missouri Western adds to Board of Regents

The president and CEO of the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce was sworn in Jan. 28 as the newest member of the Missouri Western Board of Regents.

Patt Lilly, 44, is the former city manager of St. Joseph. His term will expire in October 2004.

Lilly replaces Bob Roth, whose term expired in October. Lilly has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Houston.

"Patt will be a valuable addition to the board, especially in establishing strong relationships with many segments of the community," said Dr. Janet Murphy, Western president. "His involvement with the college and the St. Joseph community is exceptional."

Western also reports an enrollment of 4,846 for the spring semester, an increase of 10 students from a year ago.

"We are very pleased about the increase in enrollment," Murphy said. "In part, this enrollment increase is due to the increase in the number of high school students taking college courses from Missouri Western through our dual credit program." □

HIGHER EDUCATION

New loan to profit graduates

High-demand jobs pay off in program

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an effort to keep college graduates who hold degrees in high-demand areas in Missouri, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education is introducing the Advantage Missouri loan program.

"Actually this is a loan and loan forgiveness program," said CariAnne Cutshall, coordinator with the Missouri Student Assistance Resource Services (MOSTARS).

Under the newly introduced program, students currently enrolled or planning to enroll at eligible schools in majors considered to be high-demand will be able to borrow up to \$2,500 per year from the state.

Post-graduation, the student has one year to begin working within the state of Missouri and will receive one year of loan reduction for every year the individual remains in the state.

The areas that have been selected to the high-demand list for the 1999-2000 school year include computers, biotechnology/biomedical, and advanced manufacturing.

Cutshall says she thinks this will be advantageous to a variety of students.

"A lot of times high-demand degrees will come from a technical school," she said.

Cutshall said the decision concerning what constitutes a high-demand job is determined by what the state lacks.

"There are boards that have to work together to determine statewide workforce need," she said. "They include the CBHE, Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Missouri Department of Economic Development, as well as various business and labor groups."

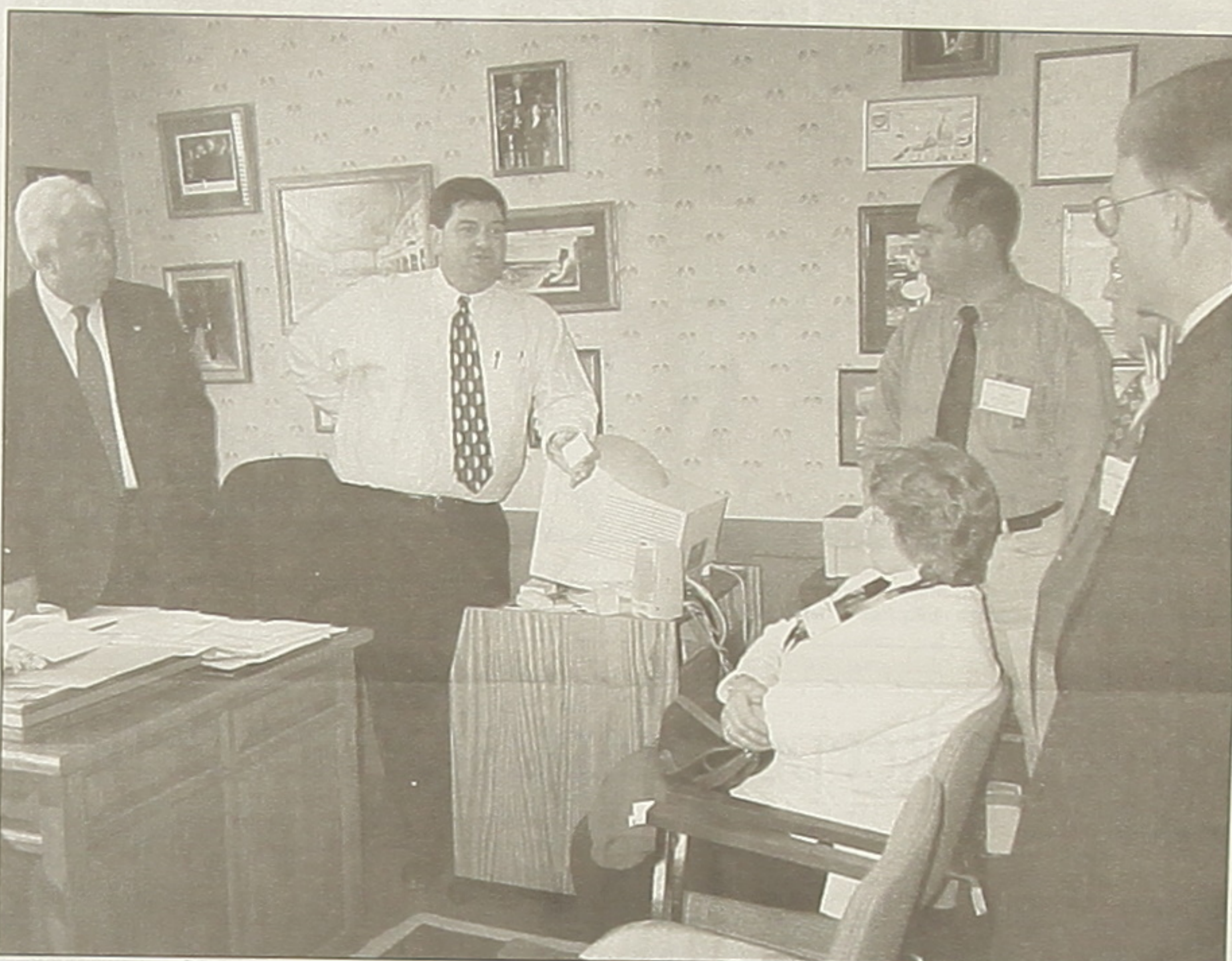
Cutshall sees the program as one that is a benefit to everyone who chooses to be involved.

"We want to meet these workforce needs, and then for every year a student works with the state, that is a year of loans he or she does not have to pay back," she said. "He or she could never make one payment on those loans."

Funding for the program still has to be passed through the General Assembly, however, Gov. Mel Carnahan has recommended the full \$3 million requested by the CBHE for the inaugural year of funding.

What types of schooling will be funded in the future is dependent on funding, although Cutshall says she believes the program hopes to include graduate education as well. □

FACE TO FACE



Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), left, and Rep. Mark Elliot (R-Webb City) talk over state issues concerning real estate with constituents involved in Joplin-area real estate in a recent meeting at the capitol building.

AGRICULTURE

Low hog prices raise farming question Who's to Blame?

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Little piggies who went to the market in 1998 sold for much less than those who made the trip in 1997.

Controversy over the fall of hog prices has come to light in recent weeks with the lawsuit filed against the state's largest hog operation by Attorney General Jay Nixon's office.

The suit, filed against Premium Standard Farms (PSF) in Kansas City, alleges several environmental infractions.

"These [hog] prices are down because packing plants were forced to shut down due to overzealous EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and OSHA regulations," Rep. Martin (Bubs) Hohulin (R-Lamar) said. "So, even though demand was up, with no capacity to kill, production got backed up so there was not a surplus of pork but a surplus of hogs."

While the closing of the Kansas City operation was due in part to violations of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations, Nina Thompson, communications director for the DNR, says the organization tries to find a way to meet farmers half-way.

"What we try to do is find that fine line between protecting Missouri resources and allowing businesses to be economically viable," she said.

Rep. Jim Howerton (R-Chilhowee), a pork producer in Missouri, says

there are several factors affecting higher production and lower prices, one of which was the expectation of an opening in the Japanese market.

Howerton also admits that there were farms affected by new regulations.

"There was the fear of regulations and the fear that there might become so many regulations that I might never be able to get a permit to build if I don't do it now," he said, "which there is a lot of reality to. Some of these county ordinances have prevented producers from building where they want to build."

"So, I think a combination of high prices, the optimistic outlook of the Japanese market, and the fear of regulations have increased production." Waste spills, over-application of hog waste as fertilizer to nearby farmland, deficient construction of piping, and an overcrowded nursery top the list of violations cited in the PSF case.

"There are just some things we have to take a stand on," Thompson said. "The citizens of Missouri expect us to do that."

Howerton says the over-production problem is world-wide and that eventually some producers will go out of business until production is reduced and more hogs are needed, which will cause more people to enter the market to make money.

"That's the cycle that's gone on through the history of the industry," he said. "It's the economic cycle of a pure supply and demand economy, which is what we have in agriculture." □



Average hog prices dollars per cwt.		
	1997	1998
Jan.	52.4	34.2
March	47.3	33.5
May	56.6	40.5
July	57.8	34.7
Sept.	48.6	26.9
Nov.	43.1	14.1

Statistics from the Missouri Department of Agriculture

GINNY DUMOND/The Chart

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Erin Sellers at 625-9311.



■ **Angela Larery**, senior honor's presentation: "The role of physical touch..." 4 p.m. Feb 10 Matthews Hall Auditorium.

Friday 5

7 p.m.—
Langston Hughes Celebration,
Webster Hall Auditorium.

Monday 8

5:30 p.m.—
Lions and Lady Lions basket-
ball vs. Lincoln University in
Young Gymnasium.

Tuesday 9

12:15 p.m.—
"Lunch, Laws, and You"—laws
that affect students with dis-
abilities, Learning Center
(Bring your own lunch).

Wednesday 10

noon—
Free Lunch with CAB,
BSC 310

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEACHING

Tag-teaming teachers diversify classrooms

By MELODY LANING
STAFF WRITER

Interdisciplinary teaching is becoming part of the present and future concerning teaching tactics across campus.

One team-taught class is the upper-level course Psychology of Human Resource Management on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:15.

This class is taught by instructors who switch off every four to five weeks. It is offered as either a psychology or business course.

"In academia, it's easy for us to shield ourselves from the real jobs that exist that our studies are going to involve," said Terry

Marion, director of the International Trade and Quality Center at Missouri Southern.

"In this case, we have blended full-time academic people with industrial people. This allows us to have more talent in the classroom. The students benefit from having three talents, and it's not as boring."

This particular class is also taught in a classroom that is more suitable for team teaching.

"We meet in a room where the tables are on rollers and can be arranged any way we want them," Marion said. "This allows for good discussion."

Another team-taught class is the Cultural and Natural History of England, offered Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, mainly to

honors students or students with an interest in England.

"The honors program felt that their students should be able to experience a concept with two different paradoxes," said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

He described team teaching as a learning process for both the students and the instructors involved.

"We (Barbara Jackson, part-time theatre instructor) are both in the classroom at the same time, alternating primary teaching responsibilities for a week," Jackson said. "When not teaching, the other teacher is the extraordinary student able to interject ideas and concepts."

Jackson also believes watching other

instructors teach is the best way for him to learn to teach.

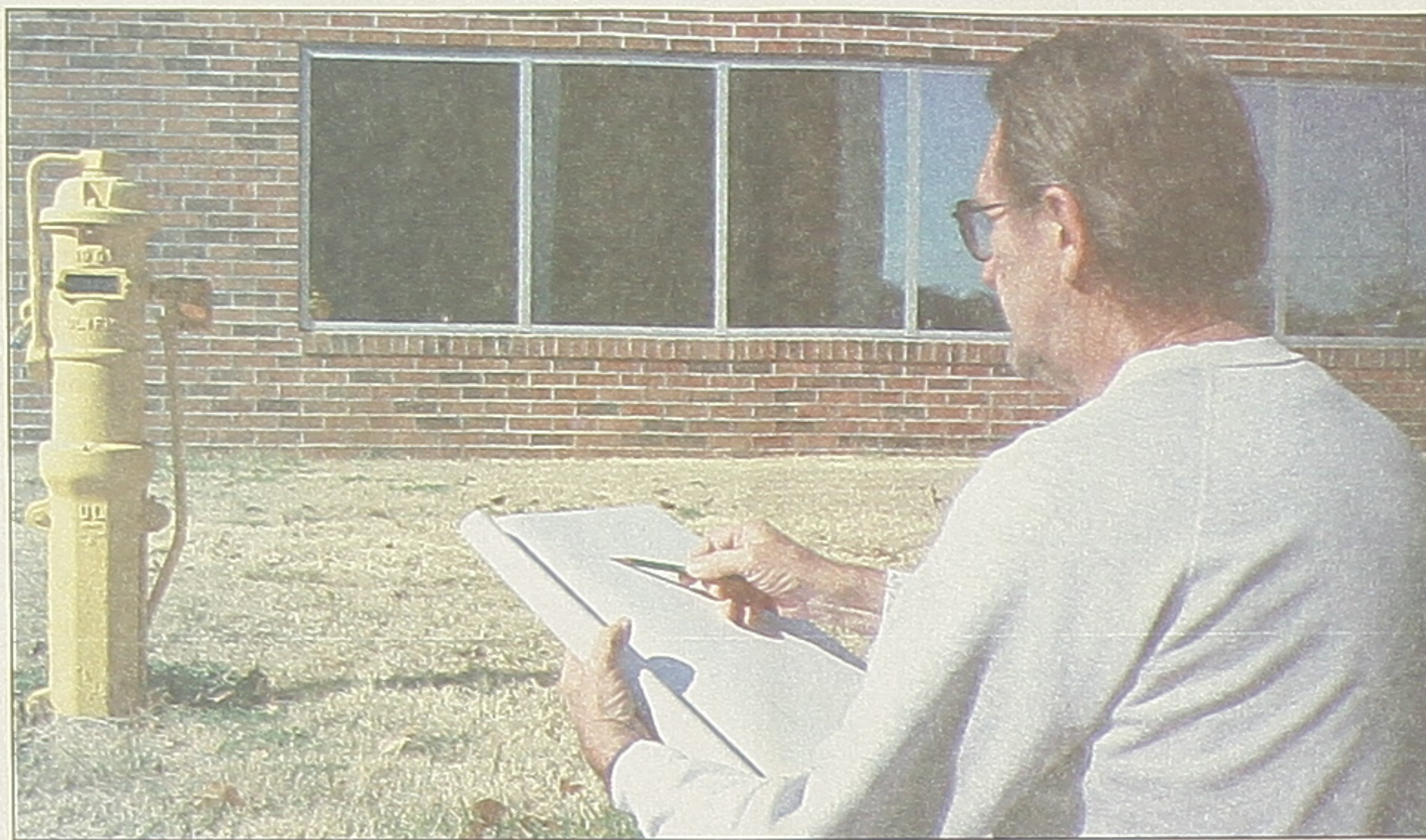
"It is a privilege to watch somebody else teach," he said. "This is the most beneficial way to adapt, modify, and improve teaching techniques."

Overall, Marion thinks there can be several pros and cons involving team teaching.

"Team teaching on one side involves not just one talent, but three," he said. "One of the cons could be lack of coordination of the course."

"If the teachers don't work together, then their lectures might overlap and contradict each other. This would then cause the students to decide on their own who or what they choose to believe." □

GETTING A LITTLE SKETCHY



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Jules Buysee, post-graduate art major, spends a few moments taking advantage of the uncommonly pleasant weather on Tuesday afternoon to sketch a picture of a utility fixture behind Webster Hall.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Patrolling keeps campus under control

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

Stand anywhere on campus for longer than a few minutes and a security truck is sure to come into view.

Campus security officer Robert Frossard patrols the grounds of Missouri Southern every day from 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. An average Monday night includes a variety of incidents.

"This whole place is eventful," Frossard said. His duties include patrolling the campus and placing calls.

"There's a lot of locking and unlocking doors," he said.

Around 9:45 p.m. Frossard is met in front of Hearnes Hall by custodial engineer Mel Wilson. A women's purse had been found in a third-floor classroom. After an identification check, Frossard returns to the security truck to attempt to contact the purse's owner, Kimberly Elliott.

No sooner than Frossard returns to the truck than a truck drives up with another maintenance person reporting a leaking toilet in the women's restroom of Young Gymnasium.

After a failing attempt at calling Elliott about her purse, Frossard proceeds to the security office to file a formal report on the purse. Upon arriving at the office, he searches the purse in order to record any money. Frossard finds a

large amount of money in Elliott's purse and decides that she needs to be contacted immediately. He calls the Webb City police. Webb City agrees to send a car by Elliott's house.

"Chances are they'll have her call us," Frossard says.

After Frossard files the report, it is back to the security truck. It takes approximately 10 minutes to make a full round of the campus.

"You almost get into a routine," Frossard said. "However, we strive to have security available 24-seven. Lots of people are leery leaving class. I try to drive by to let them know I'm available."

Frossard started at Southern on the night shift, which consists of patrolling from 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. But he has been working evenings for about two and a half years.

"When I first started evenings, I wasn't use to seeing people," he said.

That is not the case now that he works evenings. A car has just cut him off.

"Speeding is kind of my pet peeve," Frossard says.

Around 10:15, driving by the main parking lot, Frossard spots a person crawling into a trunk of a Honda Civic. He drives by to make sure nothing out of the ordinary is occurring. While in the parking lot, Frossard decides to do a check on the emergency phone.

"That phone is for the students' use whether their battery's dead or they have a flat tire," he



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Robert Frossard puts air into a student's tire.

said. "It's not just for 'major emergencies'."

Around 10:30, while continuing the patrol route, Frossard's phone rings. It is the Webb City police. Elliott is not at home.

Frossard will continue to patrol for another hour until his shift ends. Then it is home to see his wife and get some sleep, until the routine begins again tomorrow. □

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

Honors offers new opportunities for academics

Longtime program enriches College beyond the classroom for students

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

For 15 years, Missouri Southern has supported a program made for only the strongest academic students — the honors program.

Dr. Judith Conboy, former professor of sociology, and Dr. Henry Harder, former professor of English, originated the idea of an honors program.

They encouraged College President Julio Leon to initiate the program.

Dr. Steven Gale, professor of English, was the first to oversee the program and its candidate selection. After three years, he transferred to another school and Dr. David Ackiss, professor of English, took over as the director.

Ackiss was joined in 1989 by Dr. Patricia Kluthe, associate professor of theatre, who became the assistant director. For the last 10 years Ackiss and Kluthe have been working side by side with the honors program committee to select students who have displayed high academic achievements, lead-

ership, and a strong will to be a Southern honors student.

"Our students get a little more out of college because they're in the honors program," Ackiss said. "We set out to make college better, not harder for students."

When students are accepted into the honors program, they are awarded the Evans scholarship.

The Evans scholarship covers the cost of full tuition, and, depending on the student's ACT score, it could cover room and board as well.

Because honors students are awarded the scholarship, the size of the honors program is smaller.

"It's a long process and very competitive," Kluthe said. "We're always looking for strong students."

To qualify for the honors program, an individual must make at least a 28 on the ACT or have a 3.5 or higher grade-point average in high school.

Students then fill out an application to be reviewed by the honors directors, who select the students to interview with either Kluthe or Ackiss.

The honors committee, made up of faculty members, make the final selection for honors students.

"I'm happy to be in honors," said Doug Pitts, a sophomore mathematics/physics major. "It helps me live here and be a part of college life."

Pitts, who has been in the honors program for four semesters, was excited about college but also a little nervous.

The only thing he would change about the honors program is the pressure of maintaining a 3.5 GPA. He thinks, depending on a person's major, that keeping that high of a GPA can become incredibly stressful.

Pitts, however, still encourages others to become a part of the program because it's challenging and fulfilling.

"I'm really happy to be in honors," said Renae Roach, a freshman marketing major. "It's a real good opportunity for me."

Roach said students feel the pressure of maintaining the 3.5 GPA, but it comes with the scholarship.

She encourages others to get into honors because it gives students a chance to take interesting classes and receive a scholarship.

With the benefits of honors also comes the pressure and stress of trying to maintain the high standards set by the committee.

It's a program Ackiss believes is made to "retain excellent students." But when it's all said and done, Kluthe wants the honors students to feel it's "been rich and deep."

"It's a community of excellence," Ackiss said. "Not something the directors created, but the students." □

INTRAMURALS

New sport rolls forth

Intramural leagues begin Wednesday

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Teams, get ready, because the start of the Missouri Southern intramural bowling league is almost here.

The intramural bowling league begins Wednesday at Bowl East on Range Line.

The deadline to sign up is Tuesday.

Faculty, staff, and students can get involved in the bowling league.

The cost is \$5.25 per week, and the league runs for five weeks.

Participants in the league, however, will have to pay only the first four weeks. Intramural director Cindy Wolfe will foot the bill for the fifth week.

The league starts at about 9 p.m., due to other leagues going on, and will be completed by around 11 p.m.

Teams will be made up of three or four people per team. There are three categories of teams: men's, women's, or coed.

"We usually get about 10 teams, but we are hoping to get a few more this year," Wolfe said. "It is really a lot of fun."

The top three scores will be taken from each team every week after the games.

At the end of the five weeks, the team with the highest score will be champion.

The winners will receive a Southern intramural T-shirt.

"If we have enough teams, we will have champions for all three groups — men's, women's, and coed," Wolfe said.

"It doesn't matter how good you are. You can bowl under 100 or you may be able to bowl 250. It doesn't matter."

"It is just a good way to get out with your friends and have a good time."

Southern student Amber Shoemaker got involved in the bowling league with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes team last year.

"It was fun hanging out with the group and laughing at ourselves and all the other people bowling," she said. □

Open mic night serves up food for thought



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart
Freddie Billingsley, owner of Crabby's, sits in Crabby's restaurant. He said what this type of performance offers is "poetry with one-upmanship."

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

What better way to celebrate the renowned poet and author Langston Hughes' birthday than by getting together with other fans of literature and reading some of Hughes' work?

That was the emphasis at Crabby's open-mic night Sunday.

"We do this just about every Sunday," said Mark Sweet, emcee for the event. "Today, being Langston Hughes' birthday, we thought it would be nice to target his work for our performances tonight."

The open-mic night emphasizes performance rather than just mere recitation.

"It's not just getting up there and reading from a book," Sweet said. "It's the way you read it, the way you present it that makes a difference."

He should know, too, considering the fact that he has been doing performance art off and on for the past 25 years. Most recently, he was part of the first-ever performance art team in Missouri. Teams like this enter into competitions called Slams, which are extremely competitive performance competitions judged both on presentation and writing.

"It's kind of like the Olympics of poetry," Sweet said.

His particular team made it all the way to nationals in Austin, Texas, where it placed 26 out of 45 teams.

As Freddie Billingsley, an owner of Crabby's and amateur performance artist, said, "It's poetry with one-upmanship."

Billingsley first became interested in this

type of performance art when he attended a poetry Slam at Champs in Joplin.

"I fell in love with it right off the bat," he said. "It's not brittle, like if you just read it straight from a page. It's really unique and supportive of the environment here in Joplin. Plus, it's not censored."

"Now I open the restaurant every Sunday night just for things like this. The attendance has really grown, too. Usually this place gets packed."

The open-mic night isn't just poetry presentations. Some people get up and do little dramas, as did Sweet on Sunday. Others go up and play music. Stan Boman and Ryan Smith are just one example. The pair spoke of their experience after finishing a mini concert.

"Basically, we first started doing this out of boredom," Smith said. "Since then, we've really gotten into it."

"Yep," Boman agreed. "We're here every Sunday night."

Others, like Whitney Gilstrap and Rebecca Morris, both senior English majors at Missouri Southern, go there for the simple pleasure of it all.

"We need more culture in this town," Morris said. "These people are really good at this and they really get into it. It's pretty cool."

Gilstrap agrees with Morris.

"Even if you're not into it, you should expose yourself to it," Gilstrap said.

All people are invited to attend open-mic night every Sunday starting at 9 p.m. Crabby's is located at 815 W. Seventh St. in Joplin.

"Just bring your creative side with you," Sweet said. □

LANGSTON HUGHES

Celebration honors life of Joplin-born writer

By CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

The life and works of Langston Hughes will be celebrated at 7 p.m. today in Webster Hall auditorium.

The program, titled "Let America Be America Again": Langston Hughes and the Dialectics of Freedom," will cover many of Hughes' works. He authored hundreds of stories, scripts, poems, and plays.

"He was one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century," said Dr. Doris Walters, profes-

sor of English and coordinator of the celebration. "He was certainly a powerful spokesman for African Americans."

Hughes was born in Joplin in 1902, a large reason for his popularity in this area. His family moved to Lawrence, Kan., because of a race riot when he was a child. He began writing his senior year of high school and was voted class poet by his peers.

Hughes spent most of his life in Harlem, N.Y. He studied at Columbia University in New York, and was the leader of the Harlem Renaissance, a historical fine art

movement. After a lifetime of famous works including "I Too Sing America," "The Negro Speaks of Rivers," and "Mother to Son," he died in 1967.

In 1981, Missouri Southern held a convention to honor Langston Hughes and his works. Fans and supporters of Hughes came from nationwide. The convention launched the Langston Hughes Society as well as the *Langston Hughes Review*, a biannual newsletter.

Dr. Henry Morgan, professor of English at Southern, with the help of Randy Brown, president of the

Joplin branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, formed the Society.

"He was absolutely marvelous," Morgan said. "He is the greatest and most prolific black writer in the history of this country."

Dr. Dolan Hubbard, head of the English Department at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md., will be the event's speaker. He is scheduled to arrive on campus this morning to speak to English classes at 9 and 11 a.m. in Room 313 of Hearnes Hall. Hubbard is editor of the *Langston Hughes Review* and is

vice president of the Langston Hughes Society.

Also performing at the celebration will be Jerry Hodges, star of Joplin Little Theatre's production of *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Morgan will recite "A Cracker Prayer."

Tonight's program is free and open to the public.

"This particular program is a great opportunity to explore the meaning of America in a profound way," Walters said. "Perhaps that's something we need to do now. Langston Hughes, in his work, called us up to what America needed to be in the beginning." □

MAIN STREET JOPLIN

Kitchen Pass expands venue and possibilities

By VINCE SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

Due to an expansion at a local restaurant and music venue, those looking for great entertainment can bypass boredom and have some fun.

Mike Pawlus, owner of the Kitchen Pass, noted the expansion began in January. The restaurant has taken over the space from Steamer's Raw Bar. Pawlus also added that the space to the north has doubled in size and can hold a capacity of 150-300 people. Additional activities include a bar, pool tables, darts, pinball, video games, and televisions.

"This is a good addition," Pawlus said. "Joplin is tough. You have your highs and lows with entertainment."

Pawlus said the patio bar that will be in the new area will include a bar, stage, and outdoor seating. This project should get under way around the middle of March.

Since 1990, the Kitchen Pass has showcased bands. Music nights are Wednesday through Saturday. Wednesday night is Local Blues Jam Night, which features a local musician. Once a month, a national touring blues group comes in. Thursday night is New Music Review Night, where bands new to Joplin feature modern rock and other different styles. Admission is \$2.

"We have been in business for 13 years," Pawlus said. "We have had live entertainment for nine years. We also get national touring professional comedians."

There is much entertainment on the weekends as well. Friday and Saturday nights include a mixture of local bands and regional touring acts. Sunday is set aside for special shows.

"The response has been good so far," Pawlus said. "I personally enjoy the live entertainment."

The employees are pleased with the

“Joplin is tough. You have your highs and lows with entertainment.”

Mike Pawlus
Owner

expansion. Josh Detar, who has been a bartender and server at Wilder's for three years, said many customers come to get food before they hear the bands.

"People have liked it a lot," Detar said. "I have heard no negative responses yet. They can enjoy the music, but get away if they need to and maybe shoot pool."

Performances this weekend are Chicago Blues artist Chico Banks today. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30. Saturday will feature live comedy beginning at 9 p.m.

Some upcoming events include Mardi Gras on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

There will be cajun food served this night in honor of Fat Tuesday. Rockin Jake will also be there for performance. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8:30.

"This was a hit last year," Pawlus said. As the Kitchen Pass has begun to expand, both customers and employees seem happy with the additions.

"I'm thrilled," Detar said. "We have needed this for a while. Come out and see us." □



Courtesy Righteous Babe Music/BMI

Artist remains Righteous Babe

By KIKI COFFMAN
GUEST COLUMNIST

When *Up Up Up Up Up Up*, the latest release from Ani DiFranco on her independent label Righteous Babe Records, arrived on shelves Jan. 19, a new sound emerged from the 28-year-old troubadour and her traveling band.

Her group has grown with the addition of a new member in DiFranco's 12th solo album, now made up of Julie Wolf on keyboards, accordion, and backing vocals; Jason Mercer on bass; and the notorious Andy Stochansky on drums.

DiFranco focused more on the musical voice of the band for this record, letting a wider spectrum infiltrate. The broadening of styles seemed to work for the most part, but yielded a little too much of DiFranco's vocal individuality.

For instance, in "Hat Shaped Hat," the verse intermingles with a funky rhythm that is defi-

nately a move in a different direction, though DiFranco has experimented with this style in the past.

But, the new backup vocals are a little strange for regular fans who are more accustomed to hearing DiFranco roar out her lyrics solo.

Almost too folksy, the backing vocalist seems to help Ani pay homage to Joni Mitchell, but DiFranco almost stepped too far into an Indigo Girls theme song. No one is perfect.

Although *Living In Clip* remains the best CD alternative to hearing DiFranco live, she is amazingly personal on *Up Up Up Up Up Up*. "Come Away From It," a song that moans into your bones, was written about a friend of DiFranco's quickly sliding into a drug habit frenzy.

DiFranco's lyrics roll inside of an anguished and angry lyrical plea for exile.

I would advise new DiFranco fans a prerequisite of *Living In Clip* before proceeding to the more mature and relaxed atmosphere of her latest CD.

The angrier and faster songs usually captivate new listeners first, and allow slower songs to stew in their minds until ready for consumption.

Everyone should run out and pick up a DiFranco CD. *Up Up Up Up Up Up* won't let you down down down down down down, and neither will any of her other albums. □



Kiki Coffman
Guest Columnist

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Friday,
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Arts Showcase

Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Eric Gruber at 625-9311.



■ Joplin Little Theatre presents "Closer Than Ever," February 5, 6, 10-13 at 8 p.m. For more info call 623-3638.

Today

5
7 p.m.—
Langston Hughes
Celebration, Webster
Auditorium

8 p.m.—
Joplin Little Theatre presents
"Closer Than Ever"

Saturday

6
8 p.m.—
Joplin Little Theatre presents
"Closer Than Ever"

Sunday

7
1:30 p.m.—
Joplin Piano Teachers
Student Recital
Webster Auditorium

Wednesday

10
8 p.m.—
Joplin Little Theatre presents
"Closer Than Ever"

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Senate learns from mistakes

In keeping with what seems to have become an unfortunate trend in government, the Missouri Southern Student Senate nearly decided it was above the law. Again.

Last semester *The Chart* questioned Senate allocating themselves \$100 to participate in Homecoming activities.

After the initial article ran, Senate President Jesse DeGonia said to the Senate, "I know a lot of people have had problems with what was written in *The Chart*, and I would just like everyone to remember to let it roll off your back and laugh at a lot of it because it's not important enough to actually worry about."

The Senate was concerned Wednesday night.

So whatever happened to the \$100 that started the chain of events?

The Senate spent the money on promoting its homecoming candidates. In the process the Senate netted \$50 for winning fourth-place in the homecoming float competition.

More than two weeks after the money was awarded, *The Chart* asked Homecoming Committee chairman Tyler Shields where the windfall went.

Shields said he did not realize they had earned the funds and said he would ask DeGonia.

Several more weeks passed and the Senate had taken no official action. *The Chart* asked DeGonia where the money was. DeGonia said he would place the issue on the agenda for the next week. It was not and the fall semester closed without the \$50 being discussed.

This semester DeGonia has said the \$50 has been placed back in the treasury.

The money is back where it belongs and the episode may pass, however, the Senate learned a valuable lesson from the experience.

At least one would think they had.

Wednesday evening during the Senate's regular meeting, they nearly voted to allocate themselves money to be used in purchasing a birthday present for Val Carlisle.

Now, the issue here isn't the worthiness of present-recipient to-be, or even the idea of purchasing a gift. The red lights and whistles should begin going off when one realizes that the Southern student government has gotten into the mindset that student money is theirs to use for homecoming participation and arbitrary gift-buying.

Ever hear of passing the hat? Any other student organization would be laughed off the senate floor if they were asking for an allocation for any thing so frivolous.

Even more scary is the thought that the body may have passed the allocation through had it not remembered the rail-roading it received from *The Chart* in the previous case. One senator made the it abundantly clear that the afore mentioned incident had everything to do with the proposal not going through. While her exact words showed the maturity of the situation, the defensiveness came through loud and clear. It's too bad things had to be this way.

By the way, Happy Birthday Val. ☐

ANDREA'S ANGLE



EDITOR'S COLUMN

New page explores local 'Pieces of the Past'

Next week's issue dawns a new area for *The Chart*. After the success of "A Closer Look" pages on the Crescent Hotel and the Connor Hotel in the fall semester, we realized many students were not familiar with the area.

Because a local history class is not part of the core curriculum, what is published on the "City News" page of the paper may be all an out-of-state student absorbs of the city of Joplin.

"Pieces of the Past" serves as a Joplin 101, and

also fills a hole in the paper after the discontinuation of the "Automotive Page." The "Automotive Page" was founded in the fall of 1996 by Leslie Roberts, largely because of her interest in the subject. The page was innovative, especially for a non-daily college newspaper. However, with time, story topics were being exhausted and the page was dropped to twice a month or less. The page is not dead and may occasionally appear in *The Chart* or perhaps be revived by a future driven editor.

Initially meant to be a six-part series, "Pieces of the Past" has too much potential to cram into one semester. Therefore, on occasion, the page will run in *The Chart*.

History, especially local history, is an interest of executive editor Jeff Billington and mine. As a child, my mom and grandparents shared with

me stories of Joplin's past. Billington heard stories of the hills from his relatives.

"Pieces of the Past" presents topics in local history with high historical and journalistic standards.

It is important for me, as a history major, to make sure the quality of the page is equal to what I would submit for a grade in a class.

In next week's issue, the page will examine the early years of Joplin up to 1900. I will admit the page adds additional stress, but benefits to *The Chart* readers are worth the time.

Published histories of Joplin are few and of inconsistent academic quality.

The two most readily available are Dolph Shaner's *The Story of Joplin*, published in 1948, and G.K. Renner's *Joplin: From Mining Town to Urban Center*, published in 1985. ☐



Jeff Wells
Managing Editor

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Joplin's progress offers history in the making

The new series of *The Chart* evoked memories of helping my oldest son with an elementary school project of Joplin history. After moving to Joplin in 1986, we poured over books at the public library, and I discovered the area's rich diversity. Born and raised in Tulsa, a city reaching notable status in the early 1900s and booming with the oil industry in the 1920s, I found Joplin's beginnings in the 1800s and the Victorian influence which followed fascinating.

During its mining days, Joplin was a complex city of prosperity and rabble rousers. A horse racing track and amusement park, complete with roller coaster, graced the area now known as Schifferdecker Park. Intricate Victorian homes remain as testimony to Joplin's affluent past, and a unique weaving of unseen catacombs of old mine shafts supports the earth in the western part of the city. A geologist explained that

St. John's Regional Medical Center rests upon the only remaining shelf of rock in the area of Maiden Lane and 26th Street.

Legends of this city emerged when discussing history with the locals, like the supposed manner in which Maiden Lane acquired its name. Apparently, in the height of the mining days, this area comprised the bar district and the ladies of ill repute. Other stories linger about the trouble over Wilder's on Main Street when the Kansas City mob came to town, or the Bonnie and Clyde hideout on the south side.

I have witnessed new history since the summer of 1986 when I struggled to adjust to life in a small town. I almost felt as if I were depriving my children when I took them shopping in Kansas City or Tulsa and saw their round eyes upon spying the escalators in Dillards or J.C. Penney. The biggest event of the season was the grand opening of the Kmart store. Potential shoppers waited in long lines simply to enter the store. My family also met our seconds of fame while watching ourselves on the evening news pattering up and down the grocery aisles or leaving the afternoon matinee at the Eastgate theatre. Much has changed since my early days in Joplin, and a prosperous future now joins

hands with a prosperous past. The long lines to enter new businesses have almost disappeared as chain restaurants, department stores, and specialty shops pop up on a regular basis. A four-lane highway to Neosho didn't exist, and a Range Line bypass was a pipe dream. Joplin also said farewell to Kassab's at the same time new life resurrected the Newman building. While Braum's and Shakey's gained a foothold in the ice cream market, Anderson's Ice Cream papered its windows. Northpark Mall has doubled in size since 1986, and the choice in movies and entertainment offer variety. And, oh yes, have you heard there is now an escalator in town?

The people are Joplin's heart and soul. Make no mistake about, the hometown folks can be stubborn, clannish, and slow to change at times, but kind, compassionate, and helpful when need be. Progress has come to town, and most would welcome this historical time. In the 2050s or 2090s, when another student looks back over the history books of Joplin, how will we read? What mark will we make on the history of this city? Whose names will dot the street signs? Only time knows, but I am glad to say I lived history to its fullest while I was here. ☐



Rhonda Clark
Associate Editor

IN PERSPECTIVE

Students share responsibility to recruit future Southern classmates

Competition for qualified students is fierce. One of the many challenges facing Missouri Southern is to develop effective strategies to recruit qualified students who will prosper, earn a Southern degree, and later become active, contributing alumni. This holistic approach to student recruitment is important not only for Southern to maintain a strong enrollment, but for us to continue to build a solid tradition of excellence in higher education for future generations of students.

During the last few years, recruitment budgets for colleges and universities have grown rapidly. Southern, to a degree, is no exception. Have you ever given thought to what it really costs to recruit a student to a college or university? According to a report provided by USA Group Noel-Levitz, a marketing consulting firm specializing in higher education clients, the costs are significant. They surveyed 452 four-year institutions (169 public and 283 private) and 226 two-year institutions (160 community, 29 technical, and 37 private). A summary of the findings showed average total budgets for four-year schools were \$965,383, public; and \$745,383, private. For two-year schools, they were \$332,730, community; \$588,448, technical; and \$378,999, private. The expenditures per student for four-year schools were \$433, public; and \$1,624, private. For two-year schools, they were \$433, community; \$1,428, technical; and \$1,596, private.

Southern's 1997-98 recruitment budget (\$359,018) and mean expenditure per student (\$287) are less than the figures listed above for all categories. Better still, we increased our total and new student enrollment for Fall 1998, thanks to an efficient use of resources and a team approach to student recruitment.

So, whose responsibility is it to recruit new students? *Everyone in the Southern family shares this task!* While it may be a primary function of the enrollment services area (admissions, financial aid, and registrar), it is vitally important to involve students, faculty, staff, and alumni in recruitment efforts to be successful in meeting enrollment goals and to continue to use our existing resources.

There are many ways students at Southern can help us recruit more outstanding new students.

- Word of mouth is the best way. Tell your friends who are considering a college

education why you chose Southern and inform them of your positive experiences.

- Volunteer to become a member of Southern Ambassadors, an organization created specifically to assist the admissions office with recruitment activities.

- Become active in other student organizations. We need your talents and leadership abilities.

- Participate in campus activities and take full advantage of all the resources available. They were organized and developed for you.

- Provide a welcoming smile and "hello" to prospective students and their families that you encounter during their visit to our campus. Southern has always been described as having a very friendly and outgoing student body. It's part of our "Southern Charm."

- Graduate!
- Excel in your chosen profession. The

best measurement of a superb college education is the achievements of its graduates.

- Become an active alumnus. Join the Alumni Association.

- Contribute to the Missouri Southern Foundation or the Alumni Association so that other worthy students can continue to access the benefits of a Southern education. Alumni and friends of the College have done it for you; continue the tradition!

Many institutions in the United States are well over 100 years old and have already established their traditions. We have a unique opportunity at Southern to create new traditions. It is amazing to see what Southern has accomplished in a short 61 years as an institution and 31 years as a four-year college. All of us at Southern have a wonderful story to tell. Help us to build on a solid foundation and become an even better place for future students to call home. ☐



Derek Skaggs
Director of Enrollment



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TRACK & FIELD

Kevin Dotson: "Everyone is gunnin' for him" Jumper prepares for national competition

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jump over the candlestick. It may not be a candlestick that Kevin Dotson is jumping over, but with a record-breaking height of 7-3 1/4, he is certainly both nimble and quick.

Dotson, a junior history major, broke Southern's school record in the high jump and is now in the enviable position of being ranked No. 1 overall in NCAA Division II standings.

"Kevin is an excellent athlete," said Tom Rutledge, head men's track coach. "He is certainly the best jumper I have seen in a while, and he may be the best in the country."

While some argue that competition at the Division II level is not as fierce, Rutledge said Dotson has shown he can easily compete with those at the Division I level.

"Kevin placed fourth at the University of Arkansas Invitational and won the University of Kansas Invitational against teams like Arkansas, Kansas, TCU, and SMS," Rutledge said. "He can compete at any level, and has the ability to win. There is no one close to him in the MIAA."

Dotson, who has worked hard to attain his success,

said he pushes those around him to succeed as well.

"It's just the way I am," he said. "I go out there every day and encourage everyone around me to succeed. I feel like a leader on this team, and as such, it is my job to push everyone else on the team to do their best."

"This is not high school, and sometimes that's a hard transition to make. If I can help a younger guy make that transition then I feel like I have done my job."

Rutledge said it is this characteristic that makes Kevin the ideal athlete.

"I couldn't ask for anything more of an athlete," he said. "He is always the last person to leave the field or the weight room. He's hungry."

"He knows what it takes to achieve, and he does it. And he passes that on to those around him."

With Dotson's No. 1 ranking comes an automatic berth to the Division II indoor championships. A win there would give him a national championship and All-American status. Dotson, however, takes this all in stride.

"It's where I want to be," he said. "When you're in first place, everyone is gunning for you. I was a four-time state champion in high school, and so this is where I am used to being."

"I feed off the pressure. I do my best when I am having fun, and this is fun." □



NOFPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart
Junior Kevin Dotson practices the high jump Tuesday afternoon at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

SOUTHERN SPORTS BRIEFS

Football players receive team awards and honors

Tuesday afternoon, the Missouri Southern football team had its annual award ceremony and team meeting in Webster Hall auditorium. Kqorea Willis received the Dean A. Havens Memorial Award for the most valuable player of 1998 and also was elected co-captain with Adam McKellips.

The Harry Spradling Award for Outstanding Senior was awarded to linebacker Marque Owens.

Defensive linemen Marlon Douglas picked up the Dudley Stegge Memorial Award for outstanding lineman, and McKellips was awarded the Lion's Heart Award, given for courage and competitiveness.

Wide receiver Tyson Sims was voted Southern's most improved player.

Brad Harris picked up an award for outstanding special teams player, and freshman running back Joey Ballard was voted the team's freshman of the year.

Josh Chapman, a freshman quarterback from Webb City, was voted Champion of the Year, given to the scout team player of the year. □

Harrison named MIAA athlete of the week

Senior Amanda Harrison was recently named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association women's track & field athlete of the week.

Harrison won the 1,000-meter run and mile run at the University of Kansas Jayhawk Invitational Saturday in Lawrence.

She covered the 1,000 in 3:7.05 seconds, and the mile in 5:12.14. □

Linebacker recognized as All-American

Kqorea Willis, a senior linebacker last season for Missouri Southern, recently was honored as an honorable mention All-American by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Willis, a native of Wagona, Okla., was a second-team All-MIAA pick after leading the Lions with 76 total tackles (37 solo, 39 assists), 18 tackles for 110 yards in losses, 5.5 sacks, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, three pass breakups, and an interception.

His return of a lateral off an interception by teammate Paul Clancy against Missouri Western on Oct. 3 was named Most Unusual Play of the Week by Compag Football Plays of the Week.

The 6-4, 267-pound senior also established a new Southern single-season record for tackles for loss with 18.

As a team, the Lions ranked fourth in the league in rushing defense, allowing less than 148 yards per game. □

Kill accepts coaching job at Emporia State

Jerry Kill, the sixth-winningest coach (by percentage) on the NCAA II level, has accepted an offer to become the 19th head football coach in Emporia State University history.

Kill has spent the last five seasons as head coach at Saginaw Valley State University in University Center, Mich.

Kill guided the Cardinals to a 38-14 record (.731), including nationally ranked 9-2 seasons in 1997 and 1998.

At SVSU, Kill saw his teams lead the nation in rushing each of the last two seasons.

In 1998, the Cardinals finished second in the nation in total offense (498.3), scoring (42.5), and were 17th in rushing defense.

Kill coached at Webb City High School in 1988-89 and guided the Cardinals to a state championship.

He said he accepted the job because of ESU's commitment to competing for national championships. The move will also allow him to be closer to his family.

"I have the best of both worlds at ESU," he said. □

BASKETBALL

Olson, Phillips steal their way into Southern record books

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

Jesse James, Billy the Kid, Mandy Olson, and Mario Phillips. What do all these people have in common? Their thefts are legendary.

It has been said that the key to a good offense is a good defense, and Missouri Southern's men's and women's basketball teams host two of the best defenders.

Olson, a 5-8 senior kinesiology major from Neosho, logged nine steals against Washburn on Jan. 16, breaking Southern's women's single game steal mark. The key to her success as a defender, according to head coach Amy Townsend, comes down to two words: work ethic.

"That's the hardest thing as a coach," she said, "trying to find a way to make the players perform their best day in and day out. Mandy makes it easy for me. She is one of the most self-motivated players I have ever seen."

"She goes out day in and day out, whether it's a practice or a game, and truly gives it her all."

Olson chalks her work ethic up to her philosophy of the game.

"I don't think you have to be a great athlete to play defense," she said. "You have to have great athletic ability to shoot and score, but defense simply comes down to hard work."

While Olson is one of two seniors on this year's squad, she is the Lady Lions' only senior starter. She said that while she takes this role seriously, she feels no added pressure.

"I know that Coach Townsend sees me as a leader," she said, "and I really take that as a compliment. I feel like that the best way I can do that is to simply go out and lead by example. If I play hard, then those around me will, too."

Southern's men sport their own in Phillips. The 6-0 senior kinesiology major from Memphis broke the career steals mark by pulling in his 147th against Emporia State on Jan. 16.

Head coach Robert Corn believes Phillips' greatest asset as a defender is his speed.

"Mario is one of the quickest

guys we have," he said. "And when you have a guy with his speed on defense, it is almost a given that he will make the plays that turn into easy buckets. That kind of thing can really change the pace of a game."

Corn also said he sees Phillips as a leader, a role the four-year starter is comfortable with.

"It's to be expected," he said. "When you have been around a program like I have, at some point you have to step it up, and that's what I have done. I've been around this league long enough that I know what to expect, and so I just try to be as aggressive as I can and show the younger players what it takes."

While Phillips does see himself as a leader on this year's squad, he said he doesn't think his role is any more important than anyone else's.

"The only personal goal that I have," he said, "is that of the team's, which is to win conference and go on from there. If we take things one game at a time and play the way I know we can, then all my own personal goals will be met." □



LADY LIONS: NWMSU next for Southern

From Page 10

The University of Missouri-Rolla is right beneath us, and Southern is right under them. The teams in that bottom tier will be competing for that eighth playoff spot."

The Lady Bearcats (8-13, 3-8) are feeling the effects of the loss of point guard Pam Cummings to graduation after she broke every MIAA assist record.

"Our inside game is our strength this year because we have good height," Winstead said. "If we can play a half-court game, we will be OK. Right now we're having trouble getting the ball inside, which can be expected with the loss of such a great guard (Cummings)."

Townsend said she will prepare her team to handle Northwest's inside game.

"The advantage we have is that we just played SBU and they have good post players," Townsend said. "I think we'll be able to pack it in against them knowing they don't have a player as active as Cummings on the perimeter."

The game is scheduled for a 5:30 p.m. start Monday, the Lady Lions will play a make-up game against Lincoln at 5:30 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. □

Football Lions hit junior colleges hard, sign 19 players

Since the Lions lost nine defensive players, they focused recruiting in that area. As a result, Lions' head coach Greg Gregory and his staff have signed 13 defensive players and six offensive players.

Gregory said the signees include talent at all defensive levels — defensive line, linebackers, and secondary.

"I think we really helped ourselves at all three levels," he said. "We signed guys that play with what we call a 'fast motor.' They play extremely hard at all times."

The Lions picked up Ennis Robinson, a 6-0, 200-pound line-

backer, and Kerry Byers, a 5-7, 165-pound cornerback. Both are from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and were mid-year signees.

Junior college recruits include Kevin Nelson, a 6-3, 240-pound defensive lineman; Reggie Smith, a 6-1, 245 linebacker; Geoffrey Nichols, a 6-0, 190 defensive back; Vince Vaccaro, a 6-0, 230 inside linebacker; Leo Green, a 6-2, 217 running back; Steven Trotter, a 6-1, 195 defensive back; and Mark Harmon, 5-11, 195 defensive back.

Brandon Webb, a 6-3, 285-pound offensive lineman from

Garland, Texas, heads the high school class. The Lions also signed Tyson Trimble, 5-10, 165 from Commerce, Okla.; Billy Williams, a 6-1, 180 defensive back; David Rosenbaum, a 6-1, 285 offensive lineman; Nick Brody, a 6-1, 285 offensive lineman; Robert Plumley, a 6-1, 200 long snapper; Julius Lockett, a 5-10, 230 inside linebacker; James Farley, a 6-2, 270 lineman; Josh Highley, a 6-3, 230 defensive lineman; and Logan Vahle, a 6-1, 220 inside linebacker.

"I thought last year's recruiting class was a really good class, and this one could be as good or even better," Gregory said. □

TRACK: Teams receive two weeks off, will continue preparation for indoor conference competition

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"It will not be any longer," Vavra said. "But we are looking forward to having a meet or two here, as well as creating more interest in Southern's program."

The team traveled to the University of Kansas on Friday and Pittsburg State University on Saturday. Senior Amanda Harrison won the mile and the 1,000-meter at KU. Tina Keller sat out this weekend due to sickness, but has finished in the top six and made finals in the last couple of meets.

"Amanda has really been running strong lately, improving each time," Vavra said. "Tina

has done very well considering the type of Division I competition she has been up against."

Sophomore triple jumper Angela McCall placed second at PSU, and fellow sophomore triple jumper Kalyn Baugh earned second at KU. Sophomore Lindsay Franks placed fourth in her first indoor meet of the season, and sophomore sprinter Erin O'Dell placed at PSU.

"We really do have a good group of young ones," Vavra said. "They are really coming along and learning fast."

Nationally ranked high jumper Kevin Dotson won the KU invitational with a jump of

7-0. Dotson is still ranked No. 1 in the nation. "Kevin really improved," said Tom Rutledge, men's track and field coach. "He did what he needed to do to win."

The Lions were able to use the long weekend to their advantage, using different combinations in the two meets.

"We were able to use people in different events," Rutledge said. "It allows us to see how they fared and if they can run in two to three events."

The weekend also let them prepare for the conference meet in two weeks.

"We brought some kids back for the meet at Pitt State," Rutledge said. "Since the confer-

ence meet is two days long, it can help prepare some of the younger ones for a two-day meet, since most of them have never done one."

Another thing that it helps is teaching them how they have to perform on both days.

"They have to learn to run a qualifying time one day, and then run a better time the next day," Rutledge said. "The best I can train them to get them to that atmosphere and environment is going to help us in the long run."

With this week off, the Lions and Lady Lions will head to Central Missouri State University the weekend of the 12th. □

Sports Scope

Rod Smith
receives part
of NFL history

He fulfilled every boyish dream Sunday when future Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway found him deep in Atlanta's secondary for an 80-yard touchdown.

Rod Smith's catch early in the second quarter was arguably the straw that broke the camel's back in Denver's 34-19



Andre L. Smith
Sports/Design Editor

Super Bowl XXXIII win over the Falcons. "It was a play we put in on the sideline right before we went out on the field," Smith told the Denver Post. "The safety (Eugene Robinson) had been jumping a lot of our routes. The thing was, the play wasn't even in the game plan."

"Coach (Gary) Kubiak said he thought we could beat their safeties deep, because of the way they were coming up," Smith added. "I was thinking, 'I've got a chance to get us jump-started.'"

Smith's performance was one of the best by a wide receiver, and his catch was the second-longest in Super Bowl history. Smith ended the game with five catches for 152 yards and a score, statistics that easily could have earned him MVP honors. If this had possibly not been Elway's final game, would Smith have been the MVP?

Needless to say, he has come a long way to get where he is.

At Southern, he got a medical redshirt after an early-season injury in 1992. He was taken by Denver as an unsigned free agent who just started out as, well, a nobody.

"I've been blessed the last four years of my career," said Smith, an undrafted free agent. "I was on the practice squad just trying to hold onto a job, then I went in in third-down situations, then got to be a starter. And now, two Super Bowls."

Smith did not have a single catch in last year's Super Bowl win over the Green Bay Packers. This year, he dreamed of getting that catch.

"I knew I would make at least one catch," he said. "I didn't have a catch last year and we won the title, so I was very excited and happy. To be perfectly honest, I looked a lot at the stats this time."

"I brought my laptop and I looked up a bunch of stats," he added, "top receiving games in the Super Bowl and stuff like that to help motivate me to try to get to that level."

Why does this apply to you? Because Smith walked these same hallways and sat in the same chairs as some of you.

He was in your shoes just a few years ago and now is a millionaire with two Super Bowl rings.

His accomplishments make him no better than anyone, unless they don't follow their dream like he did.

He wanted to make it to the NFL, and he certainly did. If you desire to become a rocket scientist or breed dogs for a living, it can be done.

His touchdown catch symbolizes that dreams can and do come true.

Okay, so he didn't win the MVP award but he did win a Super Bowl.

Smith has proven himself as a fighter, and for that he deserves a mile-high salute. □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Chara Oldfield (right) and Jayme Callahan get tangled up with an Emporia State guard while struggling for a ball in Saturday evening's match up at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Lady Bearcats beat Southern 70-58

By ANDRE L. SMITH
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MSSC	28	30	58
CMSU	39	31	70

■ Sara Jones 16, Chara Oldfield 16, Jayme Callahan 10, Katie Gariss 9

NEXT UP:

Southern at Northwest Missouri, 5:30 p.m., Feb. 8

After Southwest Baptist was upset by Central Missouri State 76-68 Saturday, the Lady Bearcats bounced back against Missouri Southern with a 70-58 victory Wednesday night.

The Lady Lions (5-15, 1-9 MIAA) trailed early in the game and went into halftime down 39-28.

"We went into it with one specific goal — to get to the line and convert," Townsend said. "We did everything we were supposed to except control the ball."

The Lady Lions shot 48 percent from the field and 74 percent from the free throw line. They

matched the Lady Bearcats in rebounds with 32. Sara Jones and Chara Oldfield scored 19 points apiece for Southern. Jayme Callahan added 10 points and four assists. Katie Gariss was a perfect four of four from the floor and finished with nine points.

"Right now we're starting to see some of our older players really step up," Townsend said. "Mandy (Olson) played well although she was in foul trouble, and Sara and Chara sort of took the pressure and put it on their shoulders."

The Lady Lions were hammered by Emporia State at home Saturday, 88-47. Olson led the way for the Lady Lions with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Junior forward Lyndsey Kenealy came off the bench and scored eight points and

had four rebounds. Thirty-three turnovers plagued the Lady Lions.

"I thought we played a good first half, but we missed lots of easy layups," Townsend said. "We lost our composure after they started to pull away, and we let the pressure rattle us."

Saturday, the Lady Lions will travel north to take on the Northwest Missouri State Lady Bearcats. It will be the only time this season that the teams will meet, and Northwest head coach Wayne Winstead recognizes the importance of this game.

"Both teams are kind of struggling in conference," he said. "That's going to be a big game."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Missouri Southern Lions head coach Robert Corn applauds his team on last Saturday night against Emporia State. The Lions play at Northwest Missouri State tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Lions roll to victory over SBU

By RUSSELL DAKE
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Wednesday, Southwest Baptist University traveled to Joplin looking to stay in the play-off picture.

The Bearcats entered the contest a half-game back of Lincoln University, tied for 10th in the MIAA.

Missouri Southern shot 53 percent for the game on the strength of 36-68 shooting from the field, draining 11 three-pointers en route to drilling SBU (10-11, 3-8) 88-72. The Lions were trying to keep pace with Northwest Missouri State University, fourth in the conference standings.

Southern (9-11, 5-5) went into the half leading the Bearcats 50-41, on the strength of 10 first-half points off the bench from junior Carlos Newberry.

Larry Gause tallied 19 points to lead the Lions, with Newberry, Eddin Santiago, and Brian Taylor netting 15, 14, and 14 respectively.

Southern was led on the glass by Matt Olson with seven rebounds. Southern raced to an early 21-2 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game and never looked back in

bombing Emporia State University (10-10, 2-8) 86-61 in Young Gymnasium on Jan. 30. The Lions shot a blistering 71 percent in the second half and 62 percent from the field for the game, leading the game from start to finish.

Leading the attack was freshman Terry Shumpert, with a career-high 22 points on 10-16 shooting.

Other Lions in double figures: Olson 16, Mario Phillips 14, and Newberry with 10. Santiago dished out a season-high 13 assists, just one off the Southern record, and Olson and Newberry shared game honors with eight boards each.

Saturday, the Lions travel to Maryville, Mo., taking on Northwest Missouri State University in a game pitting two teams in the middle of the conference race for one of the eight spots in the MIAA post-season tournament.

"Right now we're in the sixth spot, and I think it's crucial that we win our home games," said head coach Robert Corn. "We have three out of our last six games at home, so it's very important that we finish the season strong at home. Hopefully, we can win one on the road, and if you can do that, you stand an excellent chance to finish in the middle of the pack."



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Early in the season the Bearcats were ranked nationally in the NCAA Division II polls. Northwest started off the season 8-0 and won the Drury College Holiday Tournament in Springfield.

"It is an important game for us," Corn said. "It is a tough place to play."

"Defensively, they have always given us some problems with their pressure. We have got to make sure we handle their pressure."

In a game rescheduled due to weather, Southern plays Lincoln University at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Young Gymnasium. □

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Track teams take a week off after competing at Kansas

By ROBBY BALL
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's men's and women's indoor track teams will get a well-deserved rest after hitting the road twice last weekend.

"It is a well-deserved rest," said Patty Vavra, women's track and field coach. "We get to focus on conference and get our legs back a little bit."

With conference just two weeks away, the team will have time to return some runners who have been battling sickness.

"We have had some out because of the flu," Vavra said. "But we hope with the week off of competition it will allow them to return at full strength."

Since the indoor season was a little shorter this year, the team will be preparing for outdoor competition soon.

"Outdoor season starts about a week after indoor ends," Vavra said. "It all just kind of runs together."

The indoor season will not be extended when Southern's new facility is completed.

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